

REMARKS

In response to the outstanding Office Action, Applicants hereby elect Group 1 (claims 1-7, 12-13) without traverse. Applicants note only 13 claims were originally filed. Applicants request examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

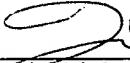
New claim 14 presented herein is directed to a method of isolating a substantially pure population of ovarian mesothelial cells having the characteristics of the population of cells claimed in elected claim 1. As such, the claimed process does not produce ovarian mesothelial cells that is materially different from claim 1. Applicants therefore request that claim 14 likewise be examined on the merits.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 415072000600. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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